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Polchief discussed reftel points February 9 with Andreas Launer, MFA Unit Chief for IAEA, CTBTO Prep Com, and NPT. Launer said it was unlikely that the MFA would be able to send representatives to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism Model Guidelines Document Workshop scheduled for April 20-22. He said there were four other conferences taking place during that time requiring the participation of members of the MFA's small non-proliferation department. He said he would share information about the event with colleagues at the Interior and Defense ministries, and would let Polchief know if any would attend. Launer added that the MFA supports the initiative, and appreciates the efforts of the USG.